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Fall 2013 SART

Thank you very much to everyone who submitted data through the Semi-Annual Reporting Tool (SART). Data reported by grantees through the SART helps to provide a fuller picture of all the program activity across the nation and in each state. In addition to submitting your state level data through the SART, please remember to download a PDF of your report to submit to [GrantSolutions](#).

Thank you for your efforts in providing full and comprehensive reports about your activities and sharing lessons learned so they might benefit the larger grantee community. October 31st was the deadline to submit reports through the SART. Any extension

Sharon Lewis Named as Principal Deputy Administrator of ACL

Sharon Lewis was recently named as the Principal Deputy Administrator at the Administration for Community Living (ACL), as well as Secretary Sebelius' Senior Advisor on Disability Policy. Previously, Ms. Lewis led the Administration on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AIDD), and she has committed over a decade to working on disability policy at the state and local level. Ms. Lewis has played a key role in ACL's development while serving as the Acting Principal Deputy over the last year.

Aaron Bishop is AIDD's new Acting Commissioner. He brings almost twenty years of experience working with and for individuals with disabilities in both the direct practice and public policy sectors. He served previously as AIDD's Deputy Commissioner.

November is National Family Caregivers Month!

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Across our country, more than 60 million Americans take up the selfless and unheralded work of delivering care to seniors or people with disabilities or illnesses. The role they play in our healthcare system is one we must recognize and support. During National Family Caregivers Month, we thank these tireless heroes for the long, challenging work they perform behind closed doors and without fanfare every day, and we recommit to ensuring the well-being of their loved ones and of the caregivers themselves.

This year's theme is "Family Caregivers - Now More Than Ever!" For National Family Caregivers Month, Caregiver Action Network created a [Media Toolkit](#).

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New Resources



[American Indian/Alaskan Native Road map to Long Term Services and Supports](#) is a new website jointly developed by CMS, ACL, and the Indian Health Service. This new resource offers a step-by-step planning process for addressing Long Term Services and Supports needs in tribal communities. Each step helps planners and health professionals think broadly and strategically about participant needs, resources for services, and opportunities for collaboration.



[The Getting Ready for the Health Insurance Marketplace Toolkit](#), provided by the HHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, will be available online until December 10, 2013. The toolkit explains how the health care law helps people with mental and substance use disorders, outlines how to use the Health Insurance Marketplace, and provides materials focused on getting the word out to uninsured individuals.



[A Collaborative Interagency, Interdisciplinary Approach to Transition from Adolescence to Adulthood](#) was published this year by AUCD. The paper aims to promote a dialogue among key stakeholders and to facilitate their engagement in pursuing a more comprehensive, coordinated, supportive, and successful transition process for youth with disabilities from adolescence to young adulthood.

Upcoming Events and Conferences

1) Home Care Final Rule Webinars

The Department of Labor has rescheduled their [Public Webinars](#) to help families, other employers, workers, and advocates to learn more and ask questions about the [Home Care Final Rule](#), which extended the Fair Labor and Standards Act (FLSA) minimum wage and overtime protections to our nation's home care workers. Previously scheduled webinars had to be canceled due to lack of appropriations. If you already registered for your Regional webinar and plan on joining on your Region's new date, there is no need for you to re-register. Below are new webinar dates:

Midwest Region (OH, MI, IN, IL, WI, MN, IA, MO, NE, KS)

*Thursday, November 7, 12:00-1:30 PM CT

[*Register Here](#)

Southeast Region (KY, TN, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS)

*Tuesday, November 12, 2:00-3:30 PM ET, 1:00-2:30 PM CT

[*Register Here](#)

Southwest and Mountain Regions (LA, TX, AR, OK, NM, CO, WY, UT, MT, ND, SD)

*Thursday, November 14, 2:00-3:30 PM CT, 1:00-2:30 MT

[*Register Here](#)

2) Veterans and Service Animals Webinar

This 1.5 hour webinar sponsored by the ADA National Network will focus on the use of service animals by veterans, primarily in ADA Title II (State & Local Government) and Title III (Places of Public Accommodation) settings. The webinar will particularly look at the use of service animals by veterans who have non-apparent disabilities, such as PTSD. Service animal basics will briefly be covered, as well as a short discussion on service animals as a workplace accommodation for veterans with disabilities.

*Tuesday, November 12, 2:30-4:30 PM

[*Register Online](#)

3) ADA Legal Series Webinar: Is It a Disability Under the ADA Amendments Act?

Independent Living Research Utilization (ILRU) is presenting this webinar featuring attorney J. Aaron McCullough. He will offer an analysis of the law and guidance on ADA issues, and delve into situations and conditions some might consider within the "gray area" of disability.

*Wednesday, November 12, 2:00-3:30 PM ET

[*Register Online](#)

4) Webinar Series on Senior Transportation

The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) is offering a series of webinars which will provide participants with ideas and practical suggestions on how to secure local match dollars for federal grants. The webinar series entitled, Don't Gamble on Senior Transportation Funding: Winning Local Match for Federal Grants, will offer expert presenters, resources, and brief practical homework assignments designed to impact participants' agencies directly. Throughout the webinars, participants will develop a working document that can be used as a planning tool for future local match funding solutions. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to discuss solutions with fellow participants through an online course forum.

*Wednesday, November 13, 2:00 PM ET

*Monday, November 25, 2:00 PM ET

[*More Information](#)

[*Register for Individual Webinars](#)

5) Webinar on Air Carrier Access Act, New DOT Rules to Make Flying Easier for Passengers with Disabilities

The US Department of Transportation (DOT) is offering this webinar on the new Air Carrier Access Act. It will highlight the specific aspects of two new rules; (1) airline website and kiosk accessibility; and (2) the stowage of manual wheelchairs on

aircraft. Following presentations, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions using the chat feature.

***Thursday, November 14, 1:00-2:00 PM ET**

***[Register for the Webinar](#)**

***[More About the Rules](#)**

6) Annual Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD) Conference

The conference theme is Promoting Inclusion in an Increasingly Diverse World. The meeting will focus on how research, programs, education, training, and information dissemination can increase and support community inclusion for all individuals with disabilities.

***November 17-20, 2013**

***Washington, DC**

***[Conference Webpage](#)**

7) GSA Annual Scientific Meeting: Optimal Aging Through Research

This meeting gathers more than 4,000 gerontologists from both the United States and around the world. They participate in over 400 scientific sessions including symposia, paper, and poster presentations. While attendees have differing perspectives based on their areas of research - be they in basic sciences, clinical sciences, behavioral sciences, or social sciences - these perspectives provide complementary insights on how aging can be optimized.

***November 20-24, 2013**

***New Orleans, LA**

***[Conference Webpage](#)**

***[Register Here](#)**

TAE Tip of the Week:

The [Resources By Topic](#) page is organized so resources are categorized under Program Basics or ADRC Core Functions. The themes, information and resources in a particular category may apply to any or all of the grant programs.

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